

Appln No. 09/863,778

Amdt date March 1, 2005

Reply to Office action of January 7, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Summary of Office action

In the Office action, the following objections and rejections were made:

- The amendment mailed September 29, 2004 was objected to under 35 U.S.C. §132, because it introduces new matter into the disclosure;
- Claims 1, 2, 13, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in light of the Chiao reference; and
- Claims 3 - 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Chiao in view of Cheung.

Formal objections

Applicant submits that the amendment filed December 22, 2004 does not contain new matter. However, Applicants have amended claim 1 to remove the objectionable limitation.

Rejection of claims 1 - 11, 13 and 17

Applicant submit that claims 1 - 11, 13 and 17 are patentable in light of the cited prior art. However, Applicant has cancelled claims 1 - 11, 13 and 17 to advance the prosecution of claims 12, 14 - 16 and 18.

Objection to claims 12, 14 - 16 and 18

Claims 12, 14 - 16 and 18 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 1.

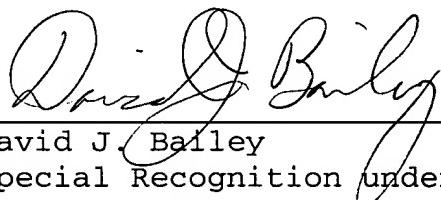
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Conclusion

Based upon the above amendments and the cancellation of claims 1 - 11, 13 and 17, Applicant submits that the above referenced application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner wishes to discuss any of the matters outlined above, please do not hesitate to contact Applicant's attorneys at the number listed below.

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